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HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE

April 3, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

SENTENCE

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. *Philippians 2.8–9*

Jesus Christ is Lord

READING FROM BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS 2.6–11

Christ Jesus, by nature divine, did not grasp for himself a rank as equal with God. He chose to empty himself, becoming a humble slave, and living the life of a man. And human in every way, he abased himself still more, obedient to death on a cross. So, God has exalted him on high, and given to him the name, the greatest of all the names; so that at Jesus' name every knee should bend low in heaven, on earth, in the depths, and every tongue proclaim: Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!

THE PSALMS

Psalm 31

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around, as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.

O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone!

In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.

I had said in my alarm, ‘I am driven far from your sight.’ But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF PETER 4:1-8

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as, to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no

longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does. The end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (19:38-42)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Into your hand I commit my spirit

Psalm 31 is a prayer for deliverance that rotates around the central idea, “In you, O LORD, I seek refuge”. The idea of refuge is carried through in imagers like rock, fortress, stronghold, and crag and is reinforced in the closing versus “O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues. Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege. I had said in my alarm, ‘I am driven far from your sight.’ But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.”

The Psalm builds itself around the idea of a person securing refugee by the offer of sanctuary in a tent or a religious building from those who might pursue them in order to destroy them. The intention was to seek refuge with those who might be willing to use whatever means possible to secure one’s safety from persecution or trouble and built upon the idea of true hospitality being the offer of sanctuary or protection under one’s roof. In this case though, the appeal is made to God to offer such sanctuary.

The Psalm is divided into three parts. The first part (vs.1-8) is a prayer in and of itself and could stand alone. It is a set of petitions or prayers set off by statements of trust and confidence. The confidence – of course – is not to be found in the ability of the writer or the content of the prayers of the Psalm, but rather in God’s ability to offer help. In vs.5 the Psalmist speaks of God as *el’emet* – the God who can be relied upon and believed in, because God is true to God’s self. The Psalm reminds us that prayer does not work – as if we can magically

pray in a certain way to persuade God to do our bidding – but rather that God works in a way that is faithful to God’s being when we pray.

The second part of the Psalm (vs. 9-18) starts with the request, “Be gracious to me Lord” and then describes the type of trouble, both for he and others, face. The Psalmist appeals to God to respond to his trust lest his trust be made ridiculous in the face of the arrogance of his enemies. The Psalm concludes with praise for God’s goodness in providing refuge and ends with an appeal to the faithful *hasidim* to love and rely on the Lord in their time of need.

The Psalm is used during Holy Week because of Christ’s reference in using it in Luke 23:46, “Into your hands I commit my spirit” during the Passion. It has continued to have a significance through Church history for its use by Stephen in Acts 7:59 and within tradition by a number of believers in their own death. It has its echo in the commendation of the funeral liturgy and the theological understand that we, in death, are commended into God’s safe keeping/refuge/sanctuary.

But in Hebrew vs.5 can also be read very differently. Not in reference to death, but rather in reference to life. James Mays points out that it could be read as “I entrust my life to your sovereign disposition” and entails an expression of “ultimate helplessness, dependence, and trust, a way of saying, in the midst of affliction, ‘It is up to you, God, what becomes of me, and I am willing to have it so.’” It has its echo in vs. 15 - “My times are in your hands” and carries the importance that even in life we find our refuge and sanctuary in God. In the case of Jesus this is an entire summation of his existence – both in life and death – and serves as a model for our own entrustment of ourselves to God.

As we seek a place of quiet reflection on this Holy Saturday may we find the faith to entrust ourselves afresh into God’s care/sanctuary/refuge as we commend ourselves to God’s care anew. That whatever we face in life and death we may know in whose palms we rest and who encompasses us in a protective embrace of hospitality.

People: **Amen**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Litany 8

By your incarnation and your birth in poverty, by your baptism, your fasting, and your trials in the desert, O Lord, hear our prayer; **Kyrie eleison** *or* **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: By your agony in the garden, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, and by the gift of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: **Kyrie eleison.**

Celebrant: In times of trouble and in times of well-being, at the hour we die and on the day of your glory, O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: Deliver us from war and violence, from hardness of heart and from contempt of your love and your promises; O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: Enlighten our lives with your word, that in it we may find our way and our hope; O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: Assist your people in every land, govern them in peace and justice, defend them from the enemies of life; O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT

O God, creator of heaven and earth, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so may we await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

BLESSING:

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People: Amen.

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Simon Bell
Video: Simon Bell/David Paradis

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Amy Pauley & Family; Wendy; Adara; All our St. Margaret Families during this Holy Week; Jean Glionna; Sarah & Dee; Kaus; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Bobby Paradis & Family; Margaret & David Paradis; Marg Thomas & Family; Lyon's Family; Jodine; Lynda Raye; Frank Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Edison's Family & his Teacher who has Covid; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Ron & Jane Lewis; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Sean; Kevin H.; Sophia L; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn;

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Marilyn Foley; Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Mark & Winnie; Staff and Residence at Roberta Place; Brian W.; Cecilia Mowat; Jen Galicinski; Sheri Scott; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Marg Abbott; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Margaret & Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Martin & Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Bauchi (Nigeria)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Holy Week.